



MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Studies of Best Practices in Education

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is pleased to announce the Best Practices Grants program. Approximately \$500,000 will be made available for between 2 and 10 competitive grants in 2006-2007. Continuation funding may be made available if more funding is appropriated in fiscal year 2007. This grant program will sponsor seven categories for studies of best practices:

- Category 1 – Teacher Preparation Issues
- Category 2 – MDE and Intermediate School District (ISD) Partnerships
- Category 3 – Review Middle School Math Issues
- Category 4 – Fiscal Turnaround of Financially Strapped School Districts
- Category 5 – SBE Policies and Procedures Manual
- Category 6 – National Overview of Best Practices in the Delivery of Education
- Category 7 – Other Topics (Open Category)

Visit the 2006 Best Practices in Education web site (<http://www.michigan.gov/mdebpl/>) to find the Request for Proposals (RFP # BP1) and other information about this grant.

This program is authorized under Section 303 of the Michigan Appropriations Act for MDE. The State Board of Education (SBE) is scheduled to approve the Best Practices program selection criteria described in this document at its September 12, 2006 meeting. Any changes from the SBE to these criteria will be posted to the Best Practices in Education program web site: www.michigan.gov/mdeb主p/ as an amendment to the RFP that is found there.

Refer to the RFP for the MDE Best Practices program for important information and instructions.

Questions regarding the Best Practices in Education Grants program may be directed to the Office of School Finance and School Law:

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CLOSING DATE AND SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:

Eligible applicants must submit a grant application no later than **September 26, 2006** to the Michigan Department of Education. The application format and other program details are described in the Best Practices RFP.

The tentative time frame for the operation of this grant program includes these major milestones:

September 26, 2006	Applications due
October 30, 2006	Competitive review
October 31, 2006	Funding recommendations presented to the Superintendent of Public Instruction; awards given
July 30, 2007	Complete projects (Proposals may request alternative completion dates—up to one calendar year—though quicker results are preferred.)